
Handout 4-2: Intervention Population Interview

Basic Information: (ask left hand column items and fill in right hand column items)

Age: _____ Location: _____

Ethnicity: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Gender: _____ HIV Status: _____

Language Spoken: _____ Interviewer: _____

HIV Information (and some behavioral or social determinants)

SAY: *Now I'd like to ask you some questions about HIV?*

1. How do you think people become infected with HIV?

2. How likely do you think it is that you could give could give HIV to someone else? (If HIV negative, get HIV). What makes you think you could or could not?

3. What you doing to protect yourself from giving HIV to someone else (If HIV negative, get HIV)? If nothing, what are some reasons?

4. What do you think is going on in your community that puts people at high risk for HIV infection?

5. What do you think makes it hard for people to avoid acquiring or transmitting HIV in your community?

Stage of Change Questions

Sexual /Injection Drug Risk

6. Have you had vaginal sex or anal sex in the past 90 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Have you shared needles or works in the past 90 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Interviewer should ask respondent about the behavior reported in #6 and #7. Refer to each behavior in the next set of questions. If no behavior is reported and HIV positive, skip to Linkage to Care section. If no behavior is reported and HIV negative, skip to PrEP section.

For the next questions we are going to concentrate on your experiences with (vaginal or anal sex/sharing drug equipment). Now think about your (sex/needle sharing) partners.

8. Is there one main sex/sharing partner? ___yes ___no

9. Are there other partners? ___yes ___no

Interviewer should ask the following questions about each behavior with each type of partner.

SAY: I would like us to talk about (vaginal or anal sex/sharing drug equipment) with your (main/other partner(s)). (Circle choice in both places)

10. How often would you say you <goal behavior> (goal behavior = use a condom/use a clean needle) when <insert context>? (ex: How often would you say you use a condom when you have anal sex?)

- ☐ Every time → go directly to 10.a
- ☐ Almost always → go directly to 10.b
- ☐ Sometimes → go directly to 10.b
- ☐ Almost never → go directly to 10.c

☐ Never → go directly to 10.c

10a. If “every time,” how long have you been doing this? ____ days/months/years
(circle one)

If 6 months or more → MAINTENANCE

If less than 6 months → ACTION

10b. If “almost always” or “sometimes,” do you intend to <goal behavior> in the near future every time you <context>? Would you say ..?

☐ No

☐ Probably not

☐ Probably will

☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → PREPARATION with intent

If “no” or “probably not” → PREPARATION without intent

10c. If “almost never” or “never,” do you think you might begin to <goal behavior> in the near future when you <context>? Would you say ..?

☐ No

☐ Probably not

☐ Probably will

☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → CONTEMPLATION

If “no” or “probably not” → PRECONTEMPLATION

11. What would be some reasons you would <goal behavior> (*goal behavior = use a condom/use a clean needle*) when <insert context>?

12. What would be some reasons you would NOT <goal behavior> (*goal behavior = use a condom/use a clean needle*) when <insert context>?

If HIV negative, skip to PrEP questions.

Linkage To Care

13. Are you currently in medical care for HIV?

☐ Yes ☐ No

14. If yes, how long have you been in care? _____

If no, what are some reasons? _____

15. Since you have been in HIV care, how often you say you go to all your HIV medical appointments?

- ☐ Every time → go directly to 15.a
☐ Almost always → go directly to 15.b
☐ Sometimes → go directly to 15.b
☐ Almost never → go directly to 15.c
☐ Never → go directly to 15.c

- 15a. If “every time,” how long have you been doing this? ____ days/months/years
(circle one)

If 6 months or more → MAINTENANCE

If less than 6 months → ACTION

- 15b. If “almost always” or “sometimes,” do you intend to go to all of your HIV medical appointments in the near future?

- ☐ No
☐ Probably not

☐ Probably will

☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → PREPARATION with intent

If “no” or “probably not” → PREPARATION without intent

15c. If “almost never” or “never,” do you think you might begin to go to all your HIV medical appointments?

☐ No

☐ Probably not

☐ Probably will

☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → CONTEMPLATION

If “no” or “probably not” → PRECONTEMPLATION

16. What would be some reasons you would go to all your HIV medical appointments?

17. What would be some reasons you would NOT go to all your HIV medical appointments?

Adherence to HIV Treatment

18. Are you currently taking medication to treat HIV?

☐ Yes

☐ No

19. If yes, how long have you been taking HIV medication?

If no, what are some reasons? _____

20. Since you have been taking HIV medications, how often would you say you take them as your doctor prescribes?

- ☐ Every time → go directly to 20.a
- ☐ Almost always → go directly to 20.b
- ☐ Sometimes → go directly to 20.b
- ☐ Almost never → go directly to 20.c
- ☐ Never → go directly to 20.c

20a. If “every time,” how long have you been doing this? ____ days/months/years (circle one)

If 6 months or more → MAINTENANCE

If less than 6 months → ACTION

20b. If “almost always” or “sometimes,” do you intend to take your HIV medications the way your doctor prescribes in the near future?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Probably will
- ☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → PREPARATION with intent

If “no” or “probably not” → PREPARATION without intent

20c. If “almost never” or “never,” do you think you might begin to take your HIV medications the way your doctor prescribes in the near future?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Probably will
- ☐ Yes

If “yes” or “probably will” → CONTEMPLATION

If “no” or “probably not” → PRECONTEMPLATION

21. What would be some reasons you would take your HIV medications the way your doctor prescribes?

22. What would be some reasons you would NOT take your HIV medications the way your doctor prescribes?

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

23. Have you heard of PrEP?

☐ Yes ☐ No

24. If yes, what are your thoughts about it as an HIV prevention technique?

25. Do you know anyone who is currently on or has ever taken PrEP?

☐ Yes ☐ No

The remaining questions are for HIV negative only.

26. Are you currently taking PrEP?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, Interviewer should let the respondent know that this concludes the interview, thank them for their time and provide incentive if appropriate. If no, continue with the remaining questions.

27. Do you intend to access and begin taking PrEP in the near future?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Probably will
- ☐ Yes

If “yes” → PREPARATION with intent

If “probably will” → CONTEMPLATION

If “no” or “probably not” → PRECONTEMPLATION

16. What would be some reasons you might consider taking PrEP?

17. What would be some reasons you would NOT consider taking PrEP?

Interviewer should let the respondent know that this concludes the interview, thank them for their time and provide incentive if appropriate.